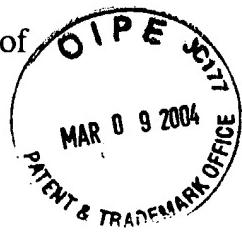


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2. That we made and conceived this invention while employed by General Electric Company, a corporation of New York, and to whom we have assigned all right, title and interest by virtue of a previously-filed Assignment document; that the invention is related to the work we were employed to perform and was made within the scope of our duties; that the invention was made during working hours and with the use of facilities, equipment, materials, funds, information and services of our employer, General Electric Company.

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3. That to the best of our knowledge and belief the invention was not made (conceived or first actually reduced to practice) under terms of any contract, subcontract or arrangement entered into with or for the benefit of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

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